



Memorandum

To: Undergraduate Programs Committee

From: Jewish Studies Program

RE: Jewish Studies Minor Proposal – catalog changes:

**Jewish Studies Minor**

This minor program, open to undergraduate students, focuses on the Jewish historical experience. Students are trained in critical thinking in response to study of history, texts and culture. Those enrolled in the program come to understand that various Judaisms emerged over the course of time and in response to changing conditions.

The minor program requires 18 credits, at least 75 percent of the credits required for the minor must be completed at FAU. The two core courses are required and the remainder courses are selected from the 2000 level HBR courses and the four categories listed below.

<b>Core Courses (6 credits)</b>		
Classical Jewish Civilization	JST 3403	3
Modern Jewish Civilization	JST 3404	3
<b>Content Courses (12 credits)</b>		
The content courses are chosen from any of the following four categories: history, the arts and culture, politics and social issues, and religion. Content courses may also be chosen from among HBR-prefixed courses at the 2000 level courses or above. Close work with faculty and individual research are encouraged. Students successfully completing the certificate program will receive a transcript notation attesting to this fact.		
<b>Content Course Categories</b>		
<b>History</b>		
American-Jewish History, 1492-1990	JST 4415	3
Ancient Israel	JST 4424	3
History of American Immigration and Ethnicity	AMH 3530	3
History of Zionism and the State of Israel, 1880-1990	JST 4425	3
Hitler and Nazi Germany	EUH 4465	3
The Holocaust	JST 4701	3
The Jews of Spain and the Middle East	JST 4417	3
<b>The Arts and Culture</b>		
Jewish-American Literature	AML 4663	3
<b>Politics and Social Issues</b>		
Religions and World Politics	CPO 3761	3

<b>Religion</b>		
Image of Woman in the Bible	REL 4218	3
Jewish Wisdom: An Introduction to Classical Jewish Thought	JST 3513	3
Religion in America	AMH 4620	3
Old Testament	REL 3213	3
Special Topics	JST 4930	3

### **Enrolling in the Jewish Studies **Minor Program****

The program is open to all students wishing to study the various forms of Jewish culture throughout the centuries. Jewish Studies may be especially useful for:

1. Those thinking about vocational opportunities in Jewish communal and educational organizations (community centers, family service bureaus, federations, camp administration, teaching in Hebrew or day schools).
2. Students contemplating careers as rabbis or cantors.
3. Students considering academic careers in Judaic Studies.
4. Those wishing to pursue graduate study in any aspect of Western civilization and/or culture.